



August 30, 2005

Hon. John Stahl, Chairman
House Committee on Family & Children Services
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Rep. Stahl:

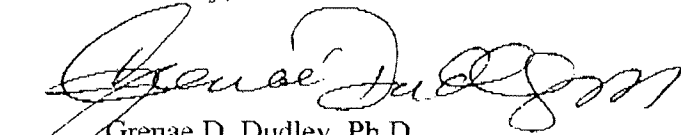
This is to share our strong support of the efforts to make substantial improvements in the Child Day Care Act as it applies to after-school programs, especially by taking into consideration the difference for child day care regulations for school-aged children in elementary school as opposed to those in their teen years.

Since last December, we have participated in an effort with other organizations and state agencies to address these differences in P.A. 116. We believe that these improvements will improve the accountability of after-school programs while enhancing opportunities for program accessibility and delivery in Michigan.

Mayor's Time provides unique leadership and support for after-school providers, public departments and officials, adding significant value to the process of providing after-school programming. Our role is to create sustainable change. It is not to provide temporary after-school services. Instead, we work to ensure that public policy, funding streams, and the practices of schools, governments and program providers are optimal for expanding the quality after-school services for youth. The role is one of a catalyst for change.

Thank you and your committee members for addressing this important issue. We urge your support so that we can better serve the needs of children in all of our communities. Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



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— Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick, Honorary Chairman, Mayor's Time